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REF: STATE 107411; NMFA DIRECTOR'S MEMCON OF MARCH 17, 1976

REF VISIT OF KANG YONG SOON

SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS DIRECTED DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN OVER THE MAY 4 VOYAGE OF THE KOREA WON YANG COMPANY'S YUSHIN HO MOTHERSHIP FLEET TO THE BERING SEA TO HIGH LEVEL ROKG ATTENTION. FISHERIES DIRECTOR GENERAL KANG STRESSED VIEW THAT THE VOYAGE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE AN "EXPANSION" BECAUSE IT WILL BE WITHIN THE TERMS OF US/ROK FISHERY AGREEMENT, AND ADHERE TO POLLACK CATCH LIMITS MUTUALLY AGREED. KANG WAS AT A LOSS TO ACCOUNT FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONCERNS IN THE LIGHT OF HIS MARCH 1976 CONSULTATIONS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AT WASHINGTON.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NAM WISHES TO DISCUSS FISHERIES DURING HIS VISIT

TO WASHINGTON FROM MAY 13. EMBASSY NOTES DEPARTMENT SOURCE IS A RIVAL FIRM AND TRUSTS THAT COMPETITIVE PRIVATE FIRM MANEUVERINGS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BECLOUD INTERGOVERNMENTAL UNDERSTANDING. END SUMMARY. THIS ALSO RELATES SEVENTH MINISTERIAL AGENDA TOPIC.

1. EMBOFF PRESENTED MOTHERSHIP QUESTION AS INSTRUCTED TO OFFICE OF FISHERIES AFFAIRS (O.F.A) DIRECTOR GENERAL KANG YONG SOON WHOM HE REACHED AT HOME ON THE EVENING OF MAY 5, THE FIRST OF TWO CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS (CHILDREN'S DAY AND BIRTHDAY OF THE BUDDHA).

2. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL REVIEWED THE CONTENTS OF HIS MARCH CONSULTATIONS WITH NOAA, NMFS, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND VARIOUS CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES, PARTICULARLY SENATOR STEVENS AND CONGRESSMEN YOUNG AND PRITCHARD. KANG'S STATEMENTS ACCORDED CLOSELY WITH MEMCON UNDER REFERENCE AND STRESSED THREE POINTS:

A. ALTHOUGH THE TOTAL ANNUAL ROK CATCH CAPACITY FOR ALASKAN POLLOCK IS 560,000 METRIC TONS, HE HAD GIVEN HIS WORD IN WASHINGTON THAT THE CATCH WOULD BE HELD TO 400,000 TONS. KANG SAID THAT OF THAT AMOUNT, 200,000 TONS IS CONSUMED LOCALLY AND 200,000 TONS IS FOR THE BOOMING US FISHBLOCK MARKET. IN HIS VIEW, THE ROK IS SERVING THE INTERESTS OF U.S. CONSUMERS BY HELPING TO MEET A DEMAND WHICH HAS CAUSED 1975 PRICES OF \$.32 TO .34 PER POUND TO RISE TO ABOUT \$.40 PER POUND AT THE PRESENT TIME.

B. DURING HIS TENURE AS DIREGEN OF OFA, HE HAS KEPT HIS PLEDGE NOT TO EXPAND ROK FACILITIES, BUT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF FISHING VESSELS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THE EXCEPTION IS SHRIMP TRAWLERS WHICH ARE ENGAGED IN THE CARIBBEAN RATHER THAN NORTHERN PACIFIC. HE STRESSED THAT THE YUSHIN HO IS NOT NEW AND WAS PART OF THE KOREAN INVENTORY COVERED BY THE US-ROK FISHERY AGREEMENT. THREE YEARS AGO IT MADE AN UNSUCCESSFUL VOYAGE TO THE BERING SEA, AND HAS BEEN TIED UP SINCE THAT TIME. IN KANG'S VIEW, YUSHIN HO WILL, ON THE VOYAGE BEGINNING MAY 4, BE CATCHING POLLACK THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC AND INSIDE 200 MILES OF THE U.S. BUT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE CATCHING ANYMORE THAN THE RECOGNIZED ROK LIMIT OF 400,000 METRIC TONS. AMONG ROK BOATS, ONLY THE YUSHIN HO FLEET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL GO THE BERING SEA, WHERE THE US/ROK AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR CATCH AREAS AND TRANSHIPMENT POINTS, ETC. WHICH WILL BE OBSERVED.

C. THE DIREGEN SAID THAT KOREA IS COMMITTED TO A POLICY OF COOPERATING TO CONSERVE FISHERY RESOURCES AND ACTUALLY STARTED FISHING FOR POLLACK IN CONSEQUENCE OF ITS AGREEMENT TO USG TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING SALMON. HE HAS EXPLAINED THAT POLICY TO THE CABINET AND, IN FACT, PROVIDED THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER,

NAM DUCK WOO, POLICY PAPERS FOR USE DURING THE LATTER'S UPCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON BEGINNING MAY 13, 1976. NAM HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT HE WISHES TO DISCUSS FISHERY QUESTIONS.

3. SPECIFICALLY, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL SAID HE WAS AT A LOSS TO COMPREHEND HOW THE DEPARTMENT COULD VIEW THE VOYAGE OF THE YUSHIN HO AS AN "EXPANSION" OF THE ROK POLLACK EFFORT WHEN IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, IT WILL CONFORM TO THE US/ROK FISHERY AGREEMENT. SECONDLY, IN EXPLAINING THE KOREAN POSITION TO ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN MARCH, HE HAD THE FEELING THAT HE HAD BEEN UNDERSTOOD, THAT ALL WERE EVEN "HAPPY" THAT KOREA IS THE FIRST TO OFFER A "SYSTEM OF CONTROL" TO OPERATE UNDER THE NEW 200 MILE LEGISLATION, AND THAT, WHEN HE MENTIONED YUSHIN HO, "NO REPEAT NO ONE HAD SAID A WORD TO ME". HE EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING AND TO WORK WITHIN THE AGREEMENT, AND ASKED THE EMBOFF TO CALL ON FRIDAY MAY 7 FOR A MORE COMPLETE DISCUSSION AND TO RECEIVE THE POLICY GUIDANCE HE HAD PROVIDED FOR THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S USE IN WASHINGTON.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED THE COPY OF A REPORT BY "BILL FOSTER AND RICHARD EARLE", WASHINGTON ATTORNEYS FOR WONYANG'S ARCHRIVAL KOREA MARINE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CO., TO THEIR CLIENTS RE THEIR CONVERSATIONS IN OES REFLECTING RATHER DISMAL PROSPECTS FOR ROK FUTURE UNDER THE 200 MILE LEGISLATION. WE BELIEVE THAT USG POLICY SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY CONSIDERATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL EQUITY AND THAT PARTICULAR CARE BE EXERCISED THAT COMPETITIVE MANEUVERINGS OF PRIVATE FISHING FIRMS NOT REPEAT NOT BE ALLOWED TO BECLOUD ALREADY COMPLEX GOVERNMENTAL QUESTIONS. SNEIDER

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